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Re: Application No.: 09/423,572  
Filing Date: November 29, 1999  
First Named Inventor: Ralf Timmerman, et al  
Title: HEAT-SEALABLE FILTER MATERIAL WITH  
BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS  
Group Art Unit: 1771  
Atty. Docket No.: 01-611-US  
Our Ref. No.: 861266-20068

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed February 19, 2002, submitted herewith are the following documents in connection with the above-identified application:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment;  
2. Change of Correspondence Address form; and

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any papers and/or fees referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being

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3. Self-addressed stamped postcard, the date-stamping and return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed items.

Very truly yours,

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